

## American Red Cross Gives Award Placque

Attending the recent 7th Annual Awards Luncheon held by officials of the Birmingham Regional Red Cross Center on February 25, 1966, was Kilby Prisons' Warden William C. Holman. This luncheon was held in the Mortimer Jordon Armory, Birmingham, Alabama and was attended by approximately 300 guests and dignitaries. The main speaker was much decorated, Rear Admiral William M. McCormick U. S. N., and the purpose of the luncheon was to present group and individual awards in recognition to those participating in and supporting the 1966 Birmingham Regional Red Cross Blood Program.

A total of 104 awards were made, three of these going to Draper, Kilby and Tutwiler Prisons, for their commendable support given during the recent blood donor program. Kilby received a large handsome placque which was awarded in grateful recognition to the men of this institution who so willingly participated in the recent Viet Nam blood drive staged here. This drive was sponsored by the Prison Eastmont Jaycee Group and was covered in a former issue of the Sun.

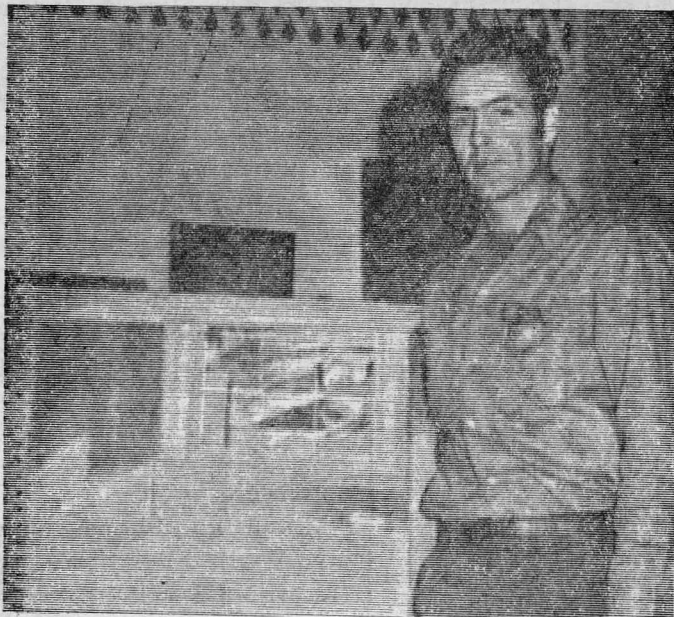
In accepting the award on behalf of the Kilby population, Warden William C. Holman expressed his gratitude in the following terms. He said "A person not having contact with the average prison inmate would refuse to believe that the spirit of patriotism shows itself to the degree that it does among the men of Kilby Prison. We are grateful that our efforts in such a worthy cause is recognized by this placque."

The Director of the Birmingham Regional Red Cross Center is Dr. Winston A. Edwards of Wetumpka, Alabama, and this region embraces a large combined area of Alabama and Mississippi.

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## A Kilby Art Class Success Story

"Taken from the February 27, 1966 issue of the Florence Times."



WALTER JOHNSON AND PAINTING — HIS SECOND — THAT WON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AWARD.

## New Artist Leading Revolt On Art Market

A man with ultramarine eyes and black sideburns is leading a revolt in the Shoals art market.

Walter Johnson, Jr., whose painting, "Frugality," was awarded first place by the Museum of Fine Art, Montgomery, contends the aesthetic value of some of the best local work is destroyed by current low prices.

Neither the connoisseur nor the home decorator is looking for penny ante art, Johnson said Saturday in his shop, Johnson's Art Mart, in Tuscumbia.

"No matter how good it looks, nobody wants to hang a \$15 painting in a \$75,000 home."

A painter watched him pop a fancy price on a still life. "He's crazy," she remarked. But another said, "no, he's right."

Proof of the pudding, Johnson has little trouble selling his own work. Although he has been painting only eight months, he said he has sold about 30 paintings. "I would sooner give one of my paintings away than sell it for \$10 or \$15," he said.

Johnson said he hopes to get the price of art here on a level that will compare favorably with prices in other areas. He opened the Art Mart "to give artists a place to display and sell their work. Sales are on a commission basis. Several artists have already hung their work in the studio."

*Editors Note: The foregoing article is conclusive proof that time in imprisonment, need not necessarily be wasted and a person earnestly desiring, may through effort and study, even better himself.*

*Walter Johnson, a late member of the Kilby Population, cultivated an interest in painting while here, and in the course of a short period, developed into an accomplished painter. The rewards of his efforts while here are reflected in the reprinted article.*

## Huntingdon Group Tours Prison

On February 25, 1966, a large mixed group of twenty-three young Huntingdon College students toured Kilby Prison. They were escorted by Dr. Arlie Davidson, noted columnist for *The Montgomery Advertiser*.

Dr. Davidson's widely read column titled: *Living Today*, regularly appears on the Editorial page of the *Advertiser*,

and is of highly inspirational quality reading.

Lloyd Meadows, the *Sun's* good will man was on hand passing out copies of the *Sun* paper, and all of the young students voiced their appreciation; several going so far as to state that the *Sun* was even a better paper than their student paper.

## 12 New Dining Tables Installed

Twelve new conventional type dining tables designed to seat 4 persons each, were installed in the Kilby Dining Hall on Thursday, March 10, 1966. These new tables are constructed of hardwood maple, varnished to a high finish and are seen as a great improvement over the older type in use here for so many years.

Warden William C. Holman, disclosed that the new tables have been planned with the thought in mind of working toward improving the general atmosphere and standards of the Prison Dining Hall.

Mr. Holman went on to say that these tables are the first of approximately 70 in number to be constructed. It is further planned to replace all of the old type dining tables with these new ones, as soon as they can be constructed in the Prison Carpenter Shop.

Warden Holman, indicated his interest in the new tables and expressed the hope that all here would work together in a combined effort of helping take care and preserving them for the mutual benefit of everyone.

## College Librarian Praises Kilby Sun

The *Kilby Sun* newspaper was pleased at the excellent rating given it in a recent letter dated March 5, 1966. This letter originated from the Huntingdon College Librarian's office and was written by Miss Judy Pierce, Assistant Librarian.

Excerpts taken from her most welcome letter are as follows: "We receive many papers from overseas. I always make a point of looking through them but seldom do I read many articles." Today I noticed a new paper among the others the *Kilby Sun*. There were three issues, January 28th, February 11th, and 25th. I began reading and found it most

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## From The Editor's Desk

"I will speak ill of no man, and speak all the good I know of everybody." Franklin

Jerry Crump

### The Press And Society Versus Crime

This editorial view is not intended to be malicious nor hypercritical toward the field of Journalism, the press and society, as opposed to crime and the criminal. It is, however, intended to present a frank, unbiased opinion of this writer which is based upon a lifetime of reading, analyzing and determining the American news coverage of crime and related acts of criminality.

It is in utmost frankness when I say that I have yet to ever read a news article which spoke favorable of a criminal or his actions. I won't maintain that such articles haven't been written, but I've never read any of this nature myself. However, on the other hand and within the past decade, it would be a mathematical impossibility to determine how many million reams of printed matter has rolled from the nation's newspress covering the subject of crime. Doubtless this figure, if known, would stagger the imagination.

Everyone is familiar with the large black headlines denouncing homicides, mayhem, rape, robbery, etc. With newspapers, crime is a premium subject; the more sensational the crime, then the more desirable the news value. In many such instances, such inflammatory news articles are an indictment that unquestionably tends to influence a grand jury into returning a criminal indictment which might not have otherwise been returned.

Newspaper accounts never seem to reach the public eye, however, when a group of conscientious striken convicts gather together and give skin-graft transplants to a critically burned child; when a similar group of convicts in another State Prison regularly give their life blood month after month to prolong the life of a young teen-age girl, the victim of dreaded leukemia.

Likewise, the public and society are never informed by the press of that select group of prison inmates who sacrifice their lives voluntarily each year to advance science in medical experiment programs carried out in prisons throughout the nation.

Moreover, the public is never made aware by the newspaper that a group of prisoners have adopted and are contributing regularly toward the support of an orphan in India, or perhaps in Palestine. The Foster Parents Plan Association lists hundreds of small orphan waifs across the globe, who have been adopted by a convict group in the various state and federal prisons throughout the U.S. We seldom, if ever, read of these such articles, however, since they refute the popular image of the man behind bars, which the press has previously implanted in the public's minds.

Seldom, if ever, do we read of a news article urging that more taxpayer money be directed towards financing a prison rehabilitation program, or that special bills be passed which would ultimately pave the way for prison administrators to provide a better rehabilitation program for turning convicted felons into useful members of society. Contrary to this, in many cases, the press will raise a hue and cry, proclaiming that the state government is coddling and pampering prisoners. Many important bills are ultimately shelved solely because of this.

Psychologists have long discarded the old line theory that the prison is designed for punishment. This thought has been substituted in favor of the more sound theory that the criminal is nothing less than a maladjusted, sick person in need of sound, helping rehabilitation.

The American Press today is enthusiastically supporting a war being waged in Viet Nam. The public likewise is supporting this conflict whose daily cost exceeds more than \$25,000,000;



## Kilby Librarian Announces

### ARRIVAL OF NEW BOOKS

Harris Swinney, Kilby Librarian, advises us that the order of books mentioned in the previous issue of the Kilby Sun has arrived at last.

The books had been ordered by the Kilby Inmate Welfare Committee, several weeks previously in an order placed with the Nathaniel Dame Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Swinney further advises that he has made out a new

order which will be forwarded to the company as soon as it is officially approved here by Mr. Robert L. Fox, Classification Officer. Mr. Fox has been instrumental in helping to get the initial approval, which resulted in the ordering of these books, and his efforts are to be commended.

The new books are seen as one of the best steps ever taken toward improving the standards of the inmate library.

not to mention the human lives on which no price or value could possibly be fixed. If the press and public had given a minute fraction of the support and tax money to the national issue of crime and prison rehabilitation programs as it has to the Viet Nam situation, then crime throughout the length and breadth of America would now be showing an unparalleled decrease.

The question which this writer puzzles over is just how much longer will the nation's press continue to denounce crime and the criminal without endorsing or supporting legislative measurements which would help check crime and help convert the nation's many prison inmates from second-rate citizens into useful members of the free society.

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## ...NEWS AND VIEWS...

"HOME SWEET HOME" was written by a man who never knew what a home was. John Howard Paine wrote the following in his diary: "How often have I been in the heart of Paris, Berlin, London, or some other city, and have heard persons singing or hand organs playing 'Home Sweet Home' without having a shilling to buy myself the next meal, or a place to lay my head. The world has literally sung my song until every heart is familiar with its melody, yet I have been a wanderer from my boyhood."

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### PRISON CHAPEL BUILT WITH TRADING STAMPS

St. Jude's Within The Walls is probably the most unique prison chapel in the U.S.A. A dream of Monsignor Killon, Catholic Chaplain at the Eastern Correctional Institution at Mapanoch, N.Y., the chapel was built due to an idea by Correctional Officer Frank Walpole: using trading stamps. Through the cooperation of Mr. Ely M. Strassner, President of American, Catholic Fraternal Organizations, urged their members to contribute stamps of all varieties to this amazing project.

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### INMATE AT JAIL BATTLES RELEASE

Has No Worries, Man Declares! Chicago (AP) — "It's a fine jail. I'm comfortable. I have all the food, clothing and shelter I need and I want to stay here."

That's why Clarence Bendix, 46, an inmate of Cook County Jail, is fighting the court and his estranged wife to stay inside the institution.

Bendix began serving a six-month sentence July 21, 1965, for failure to pay \$75 a week support to his wife, Pearl, 43, who filed for separate maintenance. After serving the sentence, he was told he would be released if he would sign a \$2,500 bond and stay within the jurisdiction of the court.

"Nothing doing," Bendix replied "For the first time in my life I have no worries."

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### ROB PAYROLL TRUCK WITH AXES

Six masked men armed with

axes ambushed a payroll truck near Birmingham, England, recently and got away with a cash box holding \$114,982.

The gang, wearing nylon stocking masks, smashed the truck window with an axe, knocked out two occupants, and fled with the money in a van.

via Presidio

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### CASH ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

(UPI)—Johnny Cash, the country and western singing star, pleaded guilty to a Federal charge of possessing stimulant and depressant drugs. U. S. District Judge D. W. Suttle will sentence him later.

Cash was arrested as he arrived at El Paso International Airport to board a plane. He has been free on \$1,500 bond since then.

He could be sentenced to a year in prison and fined as much as \$1,000.

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### DIDN'T BELONG. . . . SAN QUENTIN ARTIST BACK; HAPPIER, TOO

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — San Quentin Prison has its star artist back again.

He is Carl Pramberg, 38, who, during 11 years on San Quentin, built a \$12,000 fortune from the sale of his paintings in the annual prison art show. Just 17 months ago he was released on parole.

Returned to San Quentin for carrying a concealed gun, Pramberg explained that in the outside world, "Things sort of closed in on me . . . a lot of the time I just didn't feel I belonged out there."

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### REGRETS HIS APPEAL

Ezra Kurnitz, Miami, Florida, was arrested on a charge of bank robbery. Kurnitz confessed to the crime and was given five years in prison.

While he was in prison he appealed on the grounds that he did not have to confess. The court upheld the appeal and ordered him retried. Kurnitz then pleaded not guilty.

This time he was found guilty and was given twenty years.

Ezra is now appealing his first appeal.

## The Advantage Of An Inmate Advisory Council

By Jim Grenier

Many times during our confinement in prison, official actions are taken which the average prisoner has no knowledge of until it is too late. And, at this very same time, there are doubtless many inmates who could have offered an intelligent and qualified, timely suggestion which would have eliminated the need for this action in the first instance. By the same terms, in many cases the prison inmate is in the position to submit helpful suggestions which could go far toward alleviating problems which confront the officials and inmates alike.

### THE IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF INMATE ADVISORY COUNCILS

The situation presented in the foregoing paragraph is only two of the many reasons why a great majority of U. S. Prisons have instituted and encouraged the formation of Inmate Advisory Councils. Inmate Advisory Councils have been and will continue to be a material asset to any prison in which they are permitted to function.

I was associated with one in my home state and can earnestly say that its advantages and benefits were manifold. It serves an important part in promoting better relations and understanding between the prisoners and the officials.

### OPERATION AND PURPOSE OF THE COUNCILS

Through practical, intelligent discussion, problems are presented and a likewise, practical and intelligent answer sought out. Please do not form a hasty opinion that this council is some sort of "weepers paradise" because it is not. Nor also, it is not a club for the unqualified to readily join at their will. Members are nominated, elected, and thereafter, serve for a six month period at which time new elections are held. This is not a club of self-glory, but a chartered plan for institutional improvement.

Meetings are held weekly, usually with the Prison Classification Officer, or another official present. Once every month, a high level meeting is held in which the Warden or Deputy Warden attends. Inmate representation through such an advisory council is needed, and in my estimation, if it were available, then doubtless we could work together toward improvement, to the advantage of everyone concerned. It is primarily a question of cooperation; and what better cooperation could there possibly be than clear thinking, impartial discussion, of problems, and recommended suggestions.

The benefits of such a council are too numerous to mention here, but most important are the regular meetings held by council members with a selected official, during which problems of importance concerning the general population are openly discussed, and a practical answer or solution sought.

My experience as the member in such a council readily convinces me of their important function. It provides a very effective and practical means of bringing to official attention situations which need to be rectified. By the same token, it would help to eliminate the brooding and resentment accompanying such problems, which in most cases, if not looked into, usually result in official disciplinary measures having to be taken.

## The Most Expensive Film

The most expensive film ever made is 20th Century-Fox's Cleopatra epic, starring Elizabeth Taylor, born London, England, February 27, 1932. It cost \$42,000,000 and required 10 months to film in Italy, from September, 1961, to July 14, 1962. Miss Taylor, who had 65 costume changes costing

\$130,000, was reportedly paid one million plus ten per cent of the gross, plus \$50,000 a week for 12 weeks overtime, plus 35 hundred a week "living allowance" for 52 weeks. She now refers to it as "the Cleopatra thing." Her total earnings will reach 7 million if the film just breaks even. —via INSIDE WORLD



## Wanted List Has Deficit

During 1965, 19 dangerous lawbreakers on the FBI list of 10 "most wanted" criminals were captured, and a 20th was killed trying to evade arrest. In fact, at year's end, there were only seven rather than the traditional 10 listed in the infamous fraternity of crime.

That is the kind of deficit that J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is really pleased about.

In 1953 the FBI "retired" 26 criminals listed during the year, and in 1960 a total of 21 were caught. These are the only two years in the past 16 that the 1965 haul was surpassed, and it has been that long that the FBI has enlisted the cooperation of the public and news media as a weapon against crime.

Since the most-wanted custom was inaugurated in March 1950, the public and police have brought to book 208 of the country's most dangerous men. The FBI credits public and press for the capture of 79 of them. In 1965, nine of the 19 captures were attributed to public alertness.

The 19 captures consisted of three each in Illinois and New York; two apiece in California, Massachusetts and Missouri; and one arrest in Florida, Texas, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona, Washington, and Montreal, Que.

The quickest capture came when convicted Nebraska bank robber-slayer Duane Earl Pope, a just-graduated college honor student, surrendered June 11, 1965—the day he was placed on the list. Pope was recently sentenced to death.

The "dean" of the fugitives now in Edward Howard Mapps, a one-time Greenwich Village artist and sculptor accused of murdering his wife and infant daughter in Stroudsburg, Pa. Mapps was listed as a most wanted June 15, 1962.

Via "Presidio"

## Librarian Praises Kilby Sun

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enjoyable. The article "What do you think?" provides excellent opportunities for expression and also lets the public know what the men at Kilby think about important matters. Another article that caught my eye was "On the scene with Grenier." He makes a perfect gossip-type columnist. He seems to know how to let-the-cat-out-of-the-bag in just the right way.

The main article I wanted to mention was the one that appeared in the February 28th edition by Gordon McCarley, "I know an Em-

pire".

Beauty when expressed this way can only make a person who sees this beauty everyday feel ashamed for not looking and admiring.

I would like to subscribe to the Kilby Sun, if not, please be sure that Huntingdon College gets the issue each week.

**Editor's Note:** We of the Kilby Sun Staff are gratified by your outspoken appreciation of our small prison paper. We would like to express our gratitude for your kind comments and we always welcome letters such as yours.

You may look forward to regularly receiving the paper.

## Kilby Sports Committee Express Their Gratitude

The men of this institution wish to give thanks to both our Warden and Asst., Warden for their interest in, and contribution toward the success of the recent basketball tournament held here at Kilby.

Mr. Holman, Warden, made the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the tournament trophies. Many preliminary problems had to be dealt with in order that this tournament could be a success. And most of the credit for this is due to the efforts of Mr. Wells, Asst. Warden, who among other things made the trophy presentations.

Appreciation is due also to Kilby's Welfare Committee for their cooperation in this matter.

We wish we had time and space to thank each and every inmate who

participated in this year's tournament. However, since we can't do this, we will say well done to the referees, time-keepers, score-keepers.

Due to technical difficulties a camera shot was not made for publication; although it had been planned originally to get pictures for printing in this edition of your Sun. Perhaps in the future this plan can be carried out.

Jack Alsman-Sports Editor

## Red Cross

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Of the 37 Regional Centers in the U.S. this region was the fourth largest supplier of whole blood and this is highly

## What Do You Think ??

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Everyone is familiar with the research and studies undertaken today by criminology and sociology classes in our Universities throughout America. Dedicated researchers and student alike, are ever in search of an answer to the problem of what motivates the individual into a life of crime.

**In your estimation, what circumstance or motivating force leads an individual into crime and do you see a possible deterrent?**

**Lucky Blauvelt — Cotton Mill** — It is my opinion that to answer this question you would first have to put each type of crime in a category, then answer according to the crime. Crime itself is motivated by so many different reasons that it would be very difficult to single any one or few out. If you take, for instance, a crime of the robbery variety; this crime could have simply happened because of one's desperate need for money for his family. This person may have never committed a crime before or may never do so again, but just for that one reason he did commit the crime.

Mostly it is just because of someone's desire for money or for the kicks of getting the money that causes the crime, but which ever way you look at it, it is still a crime. I do not believe there will ever be a complete answer to the prevention of crime, simply because society as it is will not let it be so.

**Kenneth Morgan — Clerk, Clothing Room** — Yes, I see a possible deterrent to this problem, the War on Poverty, the Peace Corp, and other programs that are in the beginning stage now! The economic situation in some parts of the country, is one of the biggest reasons for crime; unemployment and social aspects of our present society create the high percentage of crime today.

**J.W. Allen — Laundry** — It seems that the lack of attention or to much pampering to a child as he grows up often leads him to looking for the wrong kind of company; which of course he becomes more attached to, and therefore tends to follow their ways. I would say the largest percentage of young people who take to a life of crime do so because he or she finds little or no contentment at home.

**John Galbreath — TB Hospital** — I believe there are several factors involved in crime motivation. Certain home conditions, lack of discipline, being allowed to much freedom, or on the other hand given too much and not having a sense of values; but when these things are refused they rebel and strike back, and try to humiliate or cause others to be embarrassed.

I believe parents should be made more responsible for any offense committed by minors. This would deter lots of teenage delinquency, where most of our crime begins.

**James Jackson — Store Room Clerk** — Who can define what circumstances leads a man into crime? NO ONE. As long as there are people on earth, there will be crime. People are individuals and will act accordingly. Some are motivated by greed, some by love, some for gain, and even to punish themselves. MOST are motivated for lack of recognition. The want for recognition is the greatest factor to drive men into crime. Every one wants recognition.

**Cecil Chavers — Hospital** — Circumstances that lead to crime in my opinion, are the atmosphere he or she is reared in, educational background and social environment. Of course, each individual is responsible for their life of crime after becoming an adult. An adult's mind has the power to function by itself and alone, so no one is responsible but one's self, for his wrongdoings. Usually, but not always, poverty plays a big part in creating a criminal.

I can't see a possible deterrent to crime if a man doesn't fear the penitentiary, the electric chair or some other factor. What else is there to deter him, other than his conscious?

indicative of the strong feeling of patriotism which the citizens of these two states feel toward their country.



## Catholic Corner

By Carmen Romano

Some otherwise well-instructed people make the mistake of not using the Missal during a part or perhaps all of the Mass when they receive Holy Communion. They occupy their time by making acts of faith, love, humility and contrition. They ignore the Missal prayers of the Sacrifice and substitute "private" or "devotional" prayers to prepare them for the Sacrament. Such a custom is unfortunate. It lays too much stress on the word "receive" and not enough on the word "give." The Missal features the gift that you are permitted to give unto the Eternal Father in the Divine Sacrifice, the gift of His own Son and of yourself, rather than the gift that you expect Him to give you. Remember too, that all the above "acts" of devotion are contained in the Missal.

The Mass is like an act of contrition from the prayers at the foot of the altar to the "Lord, have mercy on us"; an act of faith from the Prayer to the Creed; an act of hope and surrender from the Offertory, through this Canon to the "Our Father," that our human offering will be acceptable for our salvation because it will be consecrated; an act of petition from the "Our Father" to the "Lamb of God;" an act of love before and at Communion time; an act of gratitude and a plea for perseverance from the "Communion Verse" to the end of Mass.

The Mass is a real sacrifice, made by Jesus, as real and actual as the sacrifice of His Life unto death on Calvary. Why go to Mass? Because your Sunday Mass is your weekly opportunity for Jesus to make a real living contact with your soul. On Calvary He achieved the work of redeeming us. At Mass He applies these graces to our souls.

Pope Pius XI commented "not they alone (referring to ordained priests) but the entire body of Christians" are, as St. Peter says, a "holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" in the Mass.

Anyone who is Catholic or non-Catholic who is interested in becoming a Catholic or to learn more about God are welcome to attend our Catechism classes each Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. These classes are given by Sisters Zita and Mary Emily.

### Father Deasy Holds:

## 1st Ash Wednesday Services . . . . .

On Thursday, February 24, following Ash Wednesday, the Reverend Timothy Deasy conducted Ash Wednesday services here at Kilby, in what is believed to be the first time this service has been held in any penal institution in the State of Alabama.

This service was held in conjunction with the regular visit by the laymen's Catholic group, the Associates of St. Dismas. At this special service, ashes obtained from burning the palms saved from Palm Sunday of the preceeding year are blessed by the priest. Dipping his thumb into the ashes, the father traces a small cross on the forehead of every man, woman and child saying: "Remember, man, that you are dust. And unto dust you shall return." (Gen. 3:19)

This ceremony ushers in the yearly forty days of penance preceeding Easter.

### —SUNDAY—

#### VISITING SCHEDULE

Printed for the benefit of the visitors

March 20, 1966

April 3, 1966

April 17, 1966

May 1, 1966

May 15, 1966

May 29, 1966

Visiting hours from 7:30  
until 12:30

#### KILBY VITAL STATISTICS

By Dennis Bretherick,  
Lieutenants Clerk.

STATISTICS FROM MARCH 11,  
1966 THROUGH MARCH 14, 1966.

Total Population . . . . . 701

#### INMATES RELEASED

By Expiration . . . . . 8

By Parole . . . . . 12

By Death . . . . . 2

By Court Order . . . . . 4

Total Released . . . . . 26

#### INMATES RECEIVED

By New Sentence . . . . . 7

By Parole Violation . . . . . 5

By Other Reasons . . . . . 2

Total Received . . . . . 14

## Ford's Umpire Class Reports..

By Marvin Ford

The question is often asked, why be an umpire? Many reasons can be offered but I'm sure that there is only one real honest reason why one adopts this avocation. And avocation it is.

To believe that it is a chore and results in monetary compensation only is a misbelief. The pay is small, the hours could be long, the pressure at times are mountainous, yet we stick with it and return for more. Why? Because of the challenge: The importance of an umpire to a game is far more important than the performance of the player. A player may never have to come up with a key play throughout the game but every call by an umpire may determine the final results of a game. This is the challenge that confronts an umpire at all times. To be able to walk off the field after the completion of a game and know that your calls were prompted only by the actions of the play, is compensation more gratifying than any other endeavor.

The Kilby's Umpire School is well under way with about 9 persons enrolled. At present we are studying the rules of softball and the Official Interpretation. The school lasts for approximately 15 weeks.

The scorer's class was formed and the first class held Saturday, February 26. Upon completion, the ones completing will be recommended to join National Baseball Congress as Official Scorers.

If anyone is interested in joining either class, see Marvin Ford! The classes are held on Saturday only.

### U. S. LEADS IN DIVORCE

The divorce rate in the United States is six times that of Canada, and three and a half that of France.

One out of every four American marriages today ends in divorce.

More than 1,000 divorce decrees were granted each day last year across the nation—a total of approximately 40,000 decrees, affecting 300,000 children.

Seventy-five per cent of the children in juvenile halls and half of the adult prison inmates are from broken homes.

## GAVEL CLUB

The Gavel Club seems to be forging ahead with unending vigor. At the last meeting which was held in the front visiting room I am sure that had it not been for ole man Flu the room would literally have burst at its seams. New members which have recently joined the Club include Robert Helms, Ben Fife and Robert Woods.

At the meeting held on February 18, all members were presented new membership cards, with T.M. Gordon McCauley doing the honors of distributing the cards.

On February 25, there were six Ice Breaker "First Speeches" talks given. It would seem to this writer that quite a few of the speakers had prior public speaking. T. M. Norman Blankinship took first place, giving a rather humorous speech about himself. Congratulation, Norman, for a job well done. Of course we'll be looking forward to many more fine speeches from you.

March was started off with a bang. On the fourth of March the Club held a debate the subject being "Is Today's Youth at a Crisis." Debators for the negative included; Carmen Romano, Gregory Metoyer and Jack Simmons. The affirmative team had Raymond Walls, James Howard and myself. The negative side was granted the decision on the debate. Of course, having this opportunity I still say "Yes, seriously, I would like to congratulate the opposing team for an excellent debate." Kenneth should also be congratulated for the fine job he did as moderator on this debate.

Any man wishing to attend a meeting as a guest is certainly invited to do so. A point to think on is that the Gavel Club is an organization set-up specifically to enable a person to better himself as the old saying goes, "If a person won't help himself, no one else will."

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Kilby Sports Committee members, James Henson, Wallace Brown and Wilson Gatsos, wish to advise that if weather conditions are favorable this coming weekend, and work is completed on the ball diamond, then the "Old-Timers" softball game will be held Sunday.

The game previously was scheduled for last week, but was postponed due to bad weather conditions.



**--On The Scene With Grenier--**

BY JIM GRENIER

And so another week fades in to the oblivion that is called the past, and the man on the scene spreads his eloquent words of wit for your information and enjoyment.

Over the past few weeks I've had many kind comments on the recalcitrant ravings of my "Phrenetic Phraseology."

For these signs of complete appreciation of my genius, I'll continue to ramble on in my own caustic, categorical way.

Saw Bill (Pretty Boy) Eagen going into our local Tonsorial Parlour like "Little Bo Peep" and coming out like "Gang-busters" with his brand new crew-cut.

James (Buba) Murphree is back on the scene and he told me he HAD to come back, because even with his manly 'PHYSIC,' he couldn't fight off all those lovely women (Remember those things?) from off his arm, and he was getting very weak. "Keep on believing that Buba, Y'all got a winner."

George "Big Dip" Fortenberry can walk around with a smile on his face until Cecil "Big Eye" Wilson returns from court. Big Eye was about to give me a big scoop on Big Dip, but was called away quite suddenly.

Hurry back, Big Eye, we've all got some real big curiosity.

Saw Eugene "Long John" Crim waiting at No. 10 Gate this morning for someone to let him in to go to work. He was there for half an hour, till Spot Robinson told him it was Sunday.

When I asked Gregory "The Baldwin County Kid" Wiggins

why he looked so sad, he said, "Everybody hates me. All my life people have hated me, and for no reason." "Greg," said I, "that's ridiculous, nobody can hate you with no reason." "Oh, yeah," says Greg, "the very first day I was born, the doctor slapped me, and I wasn't even breathing."

Hollywood has missed the greatest performance of all time. Where were all those talent scouts we hear so much about? Never, in all my life, have I seen such a heart rendering portrayal of pain as when James 'Bones' Payton scratched his finger at the Tag Plant, and staggered around for over an hour until Joe Falls put a band-aid over the vicious wound. Bones has been nominated for the Academy Award and the Purple Heart.

Things not to mention, and to whom: Head-aches to Cecil Chavers, Ice Cream to George (Big Dip) Fortenberry, Bay Minette to Frank (Ferocious) Adams, Keeneye Kissinger to T-Bird Daniels, Blackeye Peas to Gilbert (Slim) Shoub, T-Bird Daniels to Keeneye Kissinger, Hollywood on Halloween to Jim (Foxy) Holland, Pin-ups to Dick (Fastidious) Chase.

Frank (Frantic) Adams says he loosened his tooth Playing Tennis. It may be so, BUT, I learned something entirely different from Jim (Wild Man) Gregory, and Terrell "Hollywood" Clark.

That's enough of my garrulous gabbling for this week, I will have some more of Y'all on the spot again next issue.

**MARCH 24 IS OUR  
NEXT STATE PAYDAY**

**SUNDAY DINNER***March 13, 1966*

SOUP

CAMP STEW

Candied Sweet Potatoes

String Beans

Chocolate Layer Cake

**Hot Rolls****Hot Coffee****Sport Events**

I have seen some of the finest games in the past week ever played here at Kilby. I also know that the population has enjoyed it very much, and this includes the prison officials here. I even heard a comment or two from them regarding the outcome of some of the games.

Throughout all of this I have heard a lot of good wishes regarding the teams future. This is just the footing for greater events that will come to Kilby. As you know, "some of the older heads here" sports have strictly gone to the cellar floor.? However, now if some earnest effort is put out by the men here, I am quite sure that the officials will do all in their power to restore the old sporting events back into Kilby.

Eclectic came to play basketball, and they walked away with all the "goodies" but the big surprise came from the Prattville club. They fought to the last and final game of the tournament which, of course, was another run away for Eclectic.

Now, for a little praise for the winner of the Best Player Award.

Mr. Burton Snell is that man. Did you know that he played professional football for the Canadian League. And also was one of the best track men on the high hurdles at L. S. U.? So we here send out our gratitude and thanks to an All Star of all Sports. We know that you are a basketball champ also. And to all the players of the Eclectic team, we say thanks for coming in and putting on a great and spectacular tournament for us.

Now for a few words of praise on the other side. We watched some good teams go down to defeat on the night of playing and we saw a lot of happy and sad faces too. We also saw good basketball played all the way to the finish. I saw some mighty close and hard fought tournament games.

Now for the final game of the year. Eclectic got away to a fast start that the All-Stars could not overcome. But they gave them a scare in the closing minutes of the game. Here are the box scores:

ECLECTIC		ALL STARS	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Aaron	35	Franklin-Prattville	9
Snell	33	Drummon-Prattville	8
Nummy	22	Moore-Independents	8
Butler	3	Simmons-Independents	14
Mask	7	Jenkins-Independents	30
Lewis	9	Baley-Wetumpka Jaycees	13
		King-Kilby	8
		Matheney-Kilby	8
Total 109		Total 98	

**Kilby Theatre  
PRESENTS**

Sat., March 12

**SGT. DEADHEAD**

90 Min. Musical - Color

STARRING

FRANKIE AVALON

DEBORAH WALLEY

FRED CLARK

Sun., March 13

**WAR PARTY**

72 Min. Western

STARRING

MICHAEL MIKLER

DAVEY DAVISON

Sat., March 19

**RIO GONCHO'S**

107 Min. Western - Color

STARRING

RICHARD BOONE

WANDA WAGNER

STUART WHITMAN

Sun., March 20

**APACHE RIFLES**

92 Min. Western - Color

STARRING

AUDIE MURPHY

LINDA LAWSON